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the various DIA agencies are legal entities. This status is not recognized by private international law. In order to avoid legal confusion concerning the legal status of DIA agencies, especially in court procedures in foreign countries, the GDR Ministry for Foreign and Domestic Trade has formed a legal commission which is to work on measures required for making each DIA agency a legal entity. The members of the committee plan to make the individual DIA agencies into associations patterned after the Western limited liability companies which in their liabilities are limited only within the borders of their assets. The Czech foreign trade agencies have been organized on the same pattern.

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It is unknown when the new regulations will go into effect for the DIA agencies.

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